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TO: MR CHARLES H EXLEY, JR., PRESIDENT
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SUBJ: TELEX

THE FINANCE MINISTER OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS HAS SOUGHT OUR
ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY OF NCR EQUIPMENT
WHICH IS URGENTLY NEEDED. EXCERPTS FROM HIS LETTER FOLLOW:

QTE: WE PURCHASED TWO NCR 399 MACHINES IN 1975 AND BEGAN
OPERATING THEM FOR PAYROLL WITH VERY CUMBERSOME SYSTEM IN
EARLY 1976 AND THE DIFFICULTY OF TRYING TO WORK WITH A
PROGRAMMER BASED AT NCR AGENCY IN NOUMEA. WE THEREFORE
ASKED FOR PEACE CORPS AID AND 2 MEN....ARRIVED IN EARLY 1977.
THEY....RECOMMENDED THAT WE OBTAIN 2 EXTRA CASSETTE DECKS,
2 NCR 7200 DATA ENTRY TERMINALS AND 2 MATRIX FAST PRINTERS.....
RECOMMENDATION WAS ACCEPTED AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IS TO BE
PAID FOR BY COMBINATION OF LOCAL REVENUE AND BRITISH AID.
THE DIFFICULTIES THEN STARTED. WE RECEIVED ONE TAPE DECK
BUT NCR (AUSTRALIA) HAD NO MATRIX PRINTERS ON THE SHELF
AND COULD NOT PROMISE DELIVERY TILL NEW SHIPMENT ARRIVED
FROM US. EARLIEST FOR THIS APPEARS TO BE APRIL 1978. WE
THEN SWITCHED-AT SUGGESTION OF NCR (NOUMEA)-TO THE
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MORE EXPENSIVE NCR 349 FAST LINE PRINTER BUT THIS WAS ALSO
NOT AVAILABLE IN AUSTRALIA AND THE INFERENCE WAS THAT ITS
DELIVERY WOULD BE EVEN LATER THAN THE MATRIX TYPE. FURTHER
ENQUIRIES REVEAL THAT THE 7200 DATA ENTRY TERMINALS WILL NOT
BE DELAYED.

THIS COUNTRY IS TO RECEIVE ITS INDEPENDENCE IN 1978 AND FOR

MANY REASONS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT HAS A MODERN AND EFFICIENT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM IN THAT YEAR. YOUR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE MAKING A VERY REAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THIS BUT THE KEY TO IT NOW IS THE SWIFT DELIVERY OF AT LEAST ONE NCR MATRIX PRINTER OR ONE NCR 349 FAST LINE PRINTER.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO THROUGH WHATEVER CHANNELS YOU HAVE TO ENABLE US TO OBTAIN THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AIR FREIGHTED DIRECTLY AND QUICKLY FROM NCR, DAYTON, OHIO....THIS IS A SMALL, ISOLATED AND VERY VULNERABLE COUNTRY BADLY IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE MODERN WORLD AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IN ITS HISTORY. UNQTE.

EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO EXPEDITE SOLOMON ISLANDS REQUEST. INDEPENDENCE HAS LED TO A GREAT DEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONFUSION IN MANY COUNTRIES, AND WE SHARE SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN THAT IT DEVELOP A MODERN AND EFFICIENT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE READY TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE TO YOU IN THIS MATTER.

MARY S. OLMSTED,
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.
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